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SUBJECT: ABDUCTION OF COLONEL MORGAN

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1. AT 1400 LOCAL JULY 7 FORMER PRIME MINISTER AND SUNNI LEADER
SAEB SALAAM TELEPHONED ME TO SAY HE HAD A HOUR'S CONVERSATION
WITH YASSER ARAFAT, DURING WHICH THEY DISCUSSED AT
GREAT LENGTH THE MORGAN CASE. SALAAM SAID THAT NOT-
WITHSTANDING ARAFAT'S PREOCCUPATION WITH LAST NIGHT'S
ISRAELI RAIDS IN SOUTHERN LEEBANON ARAFAT TOLD HIM THAT
HE HAD SPOKEN SHARPLY AND BITTERLY WITH AT LEAST
THREE "LEADERS" DURING THE NIGHT AND EARLY MORNING.

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IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN MORGAN'S RELEASE. I MENTIONED

TO SAEB SALAAM THAT I HAD UNDERSTOOD RASHIC KARAME
WOULD ALSO BE SPEAKING TO ARAFAT. SALAAM SAID THAT
WAS SO AND HE HAD TELEPHONED THE PRIMIN FROM WHERE HE
AND ARAFAT WERE SPEAKING. AFTER REPORTING TO PRIMIN
WHAT ARAFAT HAD TOLD HIM. PRIMIN AND ARAFAT THEN SPOKE FOR ABOUT
TEN MINUTES. THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONVERSATION WAS THAT BOTH MEN
WERE REALTIVELY HOPEFUL THAT MORGAN MIGHT BE RELEASED LATE TODAY.
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